

**MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.**

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Mexico wants a pay up week from February 21 to 26. Well, yes, let's have it. And don't forget the editor, will you?

E. M. Crooks says he was shown at the Commercial Club supper the other night. Come on, farmers and town folks, and let's pull together.

Emmett Gorman, up beyond Thompson, constable of his township, was in Mexico Monday. His friends are talking him as suitable timber for Sheriff.

We sympathize with Wm. Hardin Rixey and family in the loss of their home by fire. While there was insurance it never covers the loss in such an instance.

"Annual Pay-Up Day" is a coming fad. Some fellows might, or should, pay oftener than that if they would. If you can pay, and your promise is out, don't wait twelve months.

Did you ever think how the insurance companies take the money out of the community? Some of it comes back when a fellow dies or it might compare with the mail order house business.

S. A. Pullis, ex-County Collector, has bought Patterson Bros. store at Rowena and is to take possession, we understand, about the first of next month. Mr. Pullis is a mighty fine fellow and gets a good business stand.

S. J. Bowne, Jr., tells us he will be in the race for Presiding Judge, from the Western district, this year, the same office he ran for before. He says he came out with a clear record, and he expects to make a determined fight.

If the Commercial Club can be the means of getting mutual telephone connections between Mexico and the east end of the county it will be a duty well done. There was a move for this two years ago, but it seems to have died in bornin'.

F. B. Detienne of Vandalia will enter the abstract business in Hannibal. The firm will be Wells & Detienne Abstract & Title Co. Mr. Detienne is a fine gentleman. He will be missed from the business circle of Vandalia. The Message is sorry to lose him from the county.

Yes, these are hard times. We throw away ashes and buy soap. We grow weeds and buy vegetables. We build school houses and send our children away from home to be educated. And, finally, we send our boys out with a \$40 gun to hunt 10 cent game—and the game all gets away at that.

Don't go down into Old Mexico and get your head blown off and then expect Uncle Sam to fight for you. Those 17 fellows who went down there a short time ago and got shot up, they knew the dangers and conditions. They were after Mexico gold—that was the trouble. And if they get hurt, then the Jingoos holler for intervention.

Walker Pollock, at the Commercial Club supper the other night, offered \$1,000 toward a fund for building a mile of permanent good road leading east from Mexico by his farm. To us that looks like a very liberal offer. Why not take it? The Commercial Club wants such a stretch of road as kind of sample or basis from which to work toward more of such stable highway in the county.

**ALL LIKE THE MESSAGE.**

The following are late subscribers or renewals for the Message—a fine list, and we are proud of them:

- Barton Hubbard.
- T. J. Jerman.
- G. E. Maddox.
- A. Stone.
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- Noble Barnes.
- T. N. Berrey.
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- Robert Platte.
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- H. G. Sipple.
- W. R. Thompson.
- Mrs. M. E. Erisman.
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- Mrs. S. E. Kendall.
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- S. J. Bowne.
- Wm. Hesterburg.
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- Harry Householder.
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- U. S. Goran.
- R. A. Boyd.
- A. N. Day.
- Louis Kircher.
- F. J. Barnes.
- Mrs. Charles Lamb.
- Thod Boulware.
- S. C. King.
- Wm. Peak.
- M. W. Beamer.
- Martin Donnelly.

**MEXICO ACTIVITIES.**

The many friends of Ora Boatman will be glad to know that he seems lately to be regaining his health all right.

A Mexican at the gates of St. Peter: "Please let me in." "Nope. You haven't been good. You may have been willing to feed your neighbor if he were hungry (a free lunch at the City Hall) or to give him a drink if he were thirsty, but if he came along lame and hobbly ye took him not in—to your automobile. Nope, I've surely known you too well."

Three fellows the other night got hold of some bootleg whisky. They were friends, but they tanked up and fell out and had a fight.

Capt. G. S. McGavic, of the Salvation Army, formerly a resident of Mexico, died a few days since in Beaumont, Texas.

J. S. McIntyre and J. W. Skelly of St. Louis were here last week. The former was the son of the late Hon. Thomas McIntyre of Mexico and Mr. Skelly in the son of Mrs. C. M. Skelly, northeast of Mexico. Both are prominent Masons and are fine fellows.

M. E. Moss of this city, agent for the Fargo Express Co. here, received word last week of the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. S. A. Moss, at Wheeling, Ark.

They are still talking about that fine social given at the home of Mrs. A. B. Culbertson one night last week. Some of the city's best talent on the program—Mrs. Abbie Snoddy, Miss Maude Wallace, Mrs. Morton Nelson, Miss Frances Gupton, Misses Dannie Kelso, Dulce Culbertson, Jane Rodgers and Mary Stallings.

Mayor John W. Dry and wife entertained one evening very pleasantly last week for twenty-four of their friends. It was a party of the old fashioned kind. Those present went away back about 25 or 30 years and "sat down" and played some of those old games, so dear in auld lang syne, after which a very delicious three-course lunch was served.

Mrs. Verdia Bowman of Kahoka, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. North cutt of Beardstown, Ill., arrived last week to be at the last illness of their relative and friend, Robert Nicholas.

Prof. French Strother is spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. H. P. Warden, at Columbia. Mr. Strother celebrated his 91st birthday last Friday. His physical strength is somewhat abated in recent years, but he retains his courageous, happy and optimistic disposition as in the days of his youth.

L. M. Lake, the carpenter, worked in his shirt sleeves Friday; the weather was warm.

The candidates are warming up for the city primary. Let's put in the best men, men who respect the law and who want a clean city.

McMillan High School boys and girls displayed their "pep" all day last Saturday in their enthusiasm against Hannibal in the basket ball game. It was almost enough to scare the visitors off before getting to the real contest.

**Rural School Notes**  
By CLYDE JOHNSON.

Diphtheria in Some of The Schools. Grippe Among All of Them—Working Hard for Promotion and Approval.

Sickness is seriously interfering with the school work, and lately the weather also. A few of the teachers have lost time because of grippe, while nearly half of the pupils seem to be sick. Four or more schools have been closed on account of diphtheria. But I have heard of no deaths yet. A few of the schools are closing for the year. It does not seem right to me that in one district with a tax of 40 cents on the one hundred dollar valuation a well-

equipped school taught by a first-class teacher may be had; while in another a levy of '65 cents—all the law will allow—will not permit of more than five or six months school, with but little equipment and a very low salary for the teacher. But there are several such cases in this county.

Miss Lois Northcutt is working hard to get Boyd school on the approved list. Soon as weather permits they expect to build new outbuildings, and that will entitle them to their certificate of approval. Last year the house was painted inside and out, and a heater installed. This year a case of maps and library books have been added. Miss Northcutt has secured from Miss Wales, secretary of the traveling Library commission at Jefferson City, the loan of this library, which proves helpful in school work. It seems that more should take advantage of this great opportunity to secure the use of 25 or more books at a very slight expense.

Farber has a fine school this year. L. E. Morris has accomplished results. He has 16 in the high school and hopes to make a daily average attendance of 15. He deserves success. Miss Beulah Syler has a well disciplined, room-mostly boys-out of 25 present only three were girls. Miss Kirkpatrick has a very interesting group of little folks, upon whose lives she makes such an impression that they became her lifetime pupils. The board has repaired, painted and cleaned up thoroughly. All the stoves have been jacked, a new library case filled with books has been placed in the high school. The lumber room has been transformed into a well-equipped laboratory. It looks like they will surely be accredited this year. At least they have all done what they could.

Miss Ruth Rouse had but 8 of her 36 present last Friday because of sickness and the extreme cold. The board has added a number of new desks, just the right size for the little folks. Isn't that nice? Is there a seat in your school room that your six-year-old can be comfortable in? How would you like to sit all day long on the table or other too high position? With her box money Miss Rouse has bought an organ and a fine large sand table. Besides they have new outbuildings, a solid foundation, and the house has been painted inside and outside.

Miss Marie Henderson closes her six months school at Eller Jan. 21. She has but half of her 14 in school. She has worked to build up her school. With proceeds of the box, she bought a water jar with a bubbler drinking fountain attached, which does away with the common drinking cups, and the dangers connected chair. Books have been added to a good sized library. Together with the many improvements of last year, Eller can be right proud of her school.

Miss Lucile Kunkel has four enrolled at Union. But since two have gone visiting she has but two left—two grades, one in each, two in each when her attendance is perfect. To run this school six months will cost \$300, or \$75 per pupil. To run the Mexico schools costs less than \$50 per pupil for nine months! How long can we afford to spend so much and get so little for our money? What could not any rural community have at an expense of \$75 of even at \$50 per pupil per year? How? By consolidation.

Last Saturday despite weather we held an interesting meeting at Fox school. Miss White and a number of her pupils were there with a good dinner for all. Mr. Winn and his good wife, who live near, brought over some hot coffee and a big basket adding much to the pleasure of the dinner hour. Miss Nola Hanna and a pupil, Miss Berrey, came from Central, Miss Marie Henderson and brother, from home, and Miss Mary Griffin, from Daniel, G. W. Reavis, of Columbia, associated with Prof. Emberson in the Boys and Girls Club Work, was with us, and helped much toward the success of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Canterbury of Higginsville came last week on a visit to Miss Jennie McKean.

Clayton Kendall visited Vandalia friends last week.

**WABASH**

Effective Nov. 7, 1915.

**East Bound.**

- No. 4, St. Louis and East... 3:33 a. m.
  - No. 14 St. Louis and East... 4:28 a. m.
  - No. 50 St. Louis Accom... 6:15 a. m.
  - No. 20 St. Louis St. Paul Limited... 12:33 p. m.
  - No. 2 Colorado-St. Louis Limited... 3:10 p. m.
  - No. 12 St. Louis Express... 6:42 p. m.
  - No. 72 Local Freight except Sunday... 12:09 p. m.
- West Bound.**
- No. 11 for Omaha and Des Moines... 11:55 p. m.
  - No. 5 for Kansas City west 1:46 a. m.
  - No. 13 Moberly Accom... 11:15 a. m.
  - No. 3 St. Louis-Colorado Limited... 12:09 p. m.
  - No. 9 for St. Paul, Kansas City west... 5:08 p. m.
  - No. 51 Moberly Accom... 8:49 p. m.
  - No. 73 Local Freight except Sunday... 12:33 p. m.

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MARTINSBURG'S CLUB.  
The Martinsburg Oracle reports the following:  
The Martinsburg Commercial Club held their regular meeting at the town hall Friday and elected the following officers: F. G. Jacobi, president; Joseph Sandbothe, vice-president; J. B. DeVault, secretary, and H. P. Franch, treasurer. The following directors were re-elected with D. L. Blanchfield to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late J. B. Holterman: D. L. Blanchfield, C. T. Peyton, W. J. Mears, Julius Krieger and J. N. Stephens. The club unanimously decided to hold their semi-annual stock sale on the second Saturday in March, and discussed ways and means of conducting the same to the best interests of all. Tuesday evening, the 10th, was the date selected to hold the annual oyster supper and get-together meeting.

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No. 24 Daily for St. Louis 4:05 a. m.  
No. 36, except Sunday, for Chicago St. Louis... 7:30 a. m.  
No. 16, daily for Bloomington... 12:40 p. m.  
No. 22, daily for St. Louis 2:50 p. m.  
No. 212, daily for Louisiana, 6:28 p. m.  
No. 10, daily for Chicago 10:52 p. m.

West Bound.  
No. 23, daily for K. City, 2:45 a. m.  
No. 9, daily Kansas City 3:05 a. m.  
No. 11, daily Kansas City 6:50 a. m.  
No. 195, ex. Sun., Slater 7:20 a. m.  
No. 213, daily from Louisiana... 7:45 a. m.  
No. 21, daily K. City 12:40 p. m.  
No. 15, daily for K. C. 2:10 p. m.  
No. 37, ex. Sun., from St. Louis... 7:30 p. m.

South Bound.  
No. 213, daily for Jeff City 8:00 a. m.  
No. 211, ex. Sun., for Jeff. City... 3:10 p. m.

North Bound.  
No. 210, ex. Sun., from Jefferson City... 12:15 p. m.  
No. 212, daily from Jefferson City... 6:28 p. m.

C. B. & Q. R. R.  
East Bound.  
No. 24, daily for St. Louis 4:05 a. m.  
No. 22, daily for St. Louis 2:50 p. m.

West Bound.  
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No. 21, daily from St. Louis 12:40 p. m.

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